

## AUTHOR NEWSLETTER

# Herb Hughes

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### **READER'S FAVORITE AWARDS FIVE STARS TO A WAR WITH GOD!**

I am extremely pleased to announce that my most recent publication, the science fiction novel *A War With God*, received five stars from Reader's Favorite. Here is an excerpt from the reviewer's comments:

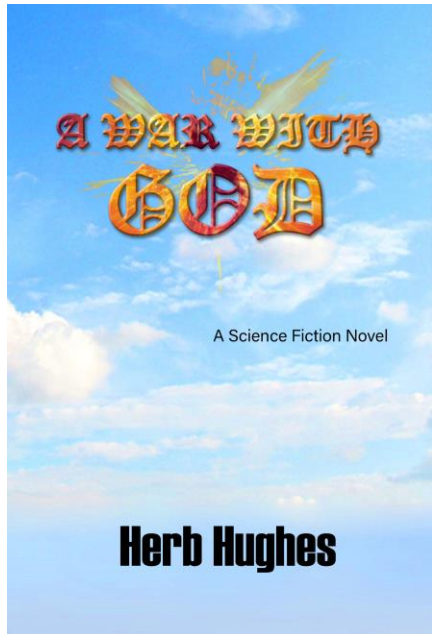
"Apart from Dante Alighieri's *Divine Comedy*, I haven't come across a work that is this imaginative, farcical, and rippling with humor. Starting from the moment the protagonist confirms that he is alive after dying from cancer, Darren Foster is startled by the heaven he finds himself in — and he is not the only one. Heaven should have been a place of bliss, but here he is, surrounded by danger, having to fight to survive...



## *A War With God*

The setting is a world that fascinated me, and, ironically, this place that is supposed to be filled with bliss is one where people feel pain but where there is no aspirin...

Told in gorgeous prose and featuring exciting dialogues, *A War with God* is an entertaining novel that will also keep the reader's mind busy. It is well-plotted and skillfully executed, a classic on its own right."



A War With God is available in both eBook and paperback at the following:

eBook \$2.99:

<https://www.amazon.com/dp/B08TLH34DH>

Paperback \$16.95:

<https://www.amazon.com/dp/B08TN356QQ/>

Science continues to come up with observations that support the theory that our universe might be a simulation, something akin to a massively complex video game. Here is an excerpt from a recent article:

Theoretical physicists working with Microsoft released a paper on Friday asserting that the universe is essentially a machine-learning computer.

The researchers, several affiliated with Microsoft, published a preprint paper to arXiv titled "The Autodidactic Universe," ... It describes our universe as an algorithm that's continuously learning about itself.

Their claim is that, like humans, the universe itself observes and learns about its own laws and structures — and changes as a result...

The researchers behind this paper explored similar ideas to the research done by physicist Vitaly Vanchurin who asserted that the universe is actually a massive neural network...

So maybe we're all living in a huge self-learning algorithm...

That's pretty farfetched, but makes for some fun speculation. You can say you heard about it first in a novel titled A War With God!

## **POUNDING THE KEYS – INFALL**

*[Pounding The Keys is a regular feature about my current novel in progress.]*

Infall won the vote from last quarter and is now well underway. The novel started as a joint effort with a good friend in Ireland, Mike Purcell, almost twenty years ago. Working together across the ocean with the technology available at that time proved to be too difficult, so the project was dropped even though we had put many hours into the rough draft.

Some years later I returned to the basic concept and started rewriting the novel, but with a revamped and updated story. It was about half complete when, not long after selling my business, I once again shelved it to pursue other activities. But I believed in the basis of the story and fully intended to return to it one day. That day is now.

The first draft is a little over half complete, and the remainder of the new story is outlined. I should complete the draft this quarter and publish it during the third quarter.

I want to thank Mike Purcell for helping with this book in its infancy. If we had the tools that are available today, perhaps we could have finished it all those years ago. Mike has moved on to other types of writing, but his efforts on this will be remembered and appreciated.

## **JUST FOR FUN**

*[Writer's jokes. Something to help you smile.]*

**How many writers for "The Simpsons" does it take to change a lightbulb?**

None. They won't admit that it burnt out 15 years ago!

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**How many mystery writers does it take to change a lightbulb?**

Two. One to screw it in most of the way and another to give it a surprise twist at the end.

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**Farmers would make great writers.**

They really know how to work a plot.

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**My teenage daughter can't decide whether she wants to be a hairdresser or a short story writer...**

I guess she'll have to flip a coin....

Heads or Tales.

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Thank you for reading my newsletter,

[Herb Hughes](#)

While my novels are receiving many great reviews and good comments, as well as international awards, I need your help to spread the word. PLEASE PASS THIS NEWSLETTER ALONG TO FRIENDS AND FAMILY. Please ask them to do the same. Also, please consider leaving a review on Amazon and/or Goodreads. Thank you.

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